ing our high approval of the manner in which Mayor Pritchard has discharged the onerous duties of Chief Magistrate of this city, and that the thanks of this Council be accorded His Worship upon his retirement from office. Carried by a unanimous standing vote.

Mayor Pritchard suitably replied, briefly reviewing the business of the year, and heartily thanking the members for their expression of good will.

Ald. Thompson moved, seconded by Ald. Browne, that a vote of thanks be tendered the retiring Aldermen.

The vote was acknowledged by Ald. Fitzgerald, , Sutherland, Jones, Hiscox, Ross, Gray and Minhinnick.

Moved by Ald. Thompson, seconded by Ald. Christie, that in the proposed amendment to the Water Works Act a clause be inserted providing that the water works may be transferred from the Commissioners to the Council at any time when a by-law having that object shall have been ratified by the qualified electors Carried.

The Council then adjourned.

City Council Proceedings.

Council Chamber, Jan. 21st, 1878.

The first meeting of the Board of Aldermen for 1878 was held in the Council Chamber at noon to-day.

Having subscribed to the usual declaration of office. the following members took their seats: Aldermen Campbell, Smyth. Thompson, Murray, Powell, Regan, Skinner, Stringer, McNab, Eddleston, Keenlyside. Glass, Ripley, Browne, Christie, Williams, Vining, Egan, Thos. Peel and J. R. Peel.

R Pritchard, Esq , occupied the chair.

The clerk read the returns of the late elections, after which—

Mr. Pritchard introduced the Mayor elect, R. Lewis, Esq. He asked for that gentleman the same hearty support that had been accorded him during the past year, feeling confident that he (Lewis) would merit the same After pointing out the arduous duties that would devolve upon His Worship during his term of office, particularly in connection with the building of water works, the speaker concluded by expressing the conviction that the members of the Board would render him all the assistance in their power, and feelin ce Mr. Lewis would discharge his dut with credit to himself and the city.

Mr. Pritchard n took his seat at the Council Board as one of the aldermen for No 1 Ward.

Simultaneously R. Lewis, Esq., advanced to the Mayor's chair, amid applause. His Worship thanked those around him for the hearty manner in which they had welcomed him. They were now about to commence the duties of a new year, and he hoped that at the end of the same their acts would meet the approbation of the people. He would do all in his power to fulfil the duties that might e upon him he would do all in his charge the duties of his office y, and hoped he would have as ecord at the end of the year as his predecessor. Again returning thanks His Worship assumed the chair, and the business of the Council was proceeded with.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed.

The Clerk announced the election of Messrs. John Carling and E. W Hyman as Water Commissioners.

A communication was read from Mr. A. G. Smyth, asking to be appointed auditor for the current year.

His Worship Mayor Lewis announced that Mr. Burwell Schram would be the appointed auditor. Mr. Schram had ably discharged his duties in the past, and His Worship had no desire to ignore a faithful officer.

Moved by Ald. Christie, seconded by Ald. J. R. Peel, that Mr. Wm. Hudson be auditor.

Moved by Ald. Thompson, seconded by Ald. Murray, that Mr. A. G. Smyth be elected auditor.

Mr. Smyth was declared elected.

Moved by Ald Campbell, seconded by Ald. Christie, that Aldermen Campbell, Thompson, Skinner, McNab, Ripley, Christie and Egan be a committee to strike standing committees for the current year. Carried.

His Worship having impressed upon the new members the desirability of being punctual in their attendance,

The council adjourned till seven o'clock this evening.

Monday Evening, Jan. 21.

The Board of Aldermen met in the Council Chamber at the usual hour, His Worship Mayor Lewis in the chair, and the following members present: Aldermen Pritchard, Campbell, Smyth, Thomson, Murray, Powell, Skinner, Regan, Stringer, McNab, Keenleyside, Edleston, Browne, Ripley, Christie, Williams, Vining, T. Peel, J. R. Peel, Glass, Egan.

Communications were read—

From Joseph Grand, Toronto, asking for use of stables on Exhibition Grounds for sale of horses. Granted under control of the Exhibition Committee.

From Cronyn, Kew & Betts, on behalf of John Scanlan, claiming $637, in connection with L & P S R suit. Referred to Finance Committee.

From Ald. Hallam, Toronto, for return of petitions relative to tax exemptions. Referred to Finance Committee.

From Chas. Wheelhouse, to be allowed a bagatelle license. Granted, to pay